

**708 CONTAINERS FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION**

- 708.1 In addition to the applicable provisions of this chapter, all containers used by residents for solid waste collection shall conform to the requirements of this section.
- 708.2 The Department of Public Works shall properly inform the residents of the District where their authorized point of collection is. If the collection is from an alley, the point of collection shall be on the portion of private property immediately adjacent to public space, except that when Supercans are collected from the alley, the point of collection shall be on the portion of the public space immediately adjacent to the private property line. If collection is not from an alley, the point of collection shall be on the public space immediately adjacent to the premises.
- 708.3 Environmental technicians shall report all instances of solid waste placed at inappropriate collection points or placed in containers other than the type prescribed in this section.
- 708.4 Each container shall be constructed of heavy weight plastic or heavy gauge galvanized metal.
- 708.5 Each container shall be watertight, equipped with handles and a tight-fitting cover attached to the container, and free of holes or cracks larger than one-half (1/2 in.) inch.
- 708.6 Each container shall be constructed for easy removal of the contents.
- 708.7 Containers used in areas of the District with twice weekly collections shall have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) gallons and not more than thirty-two (32) gallons, and shall not exceed sixty pounds (60 lbs.) in weight when filled.
- 708.8 Containers used in areas of the District with once weekly collections shall have a capacity of ninety-six (96) gallons, and shall not exceed two-hundred and fifty pounds (250 lbs.) in weight when filled.
- 708.9 When stored in the open, all containers shall be kept securely closed except when being filled.
- 708.10 Plastic bags intended for use as container liners are prohibited for use alone for storing solid waste refuse, except that plastic bags of at least nine (9) mil. thickness with a capacity of no more than thirty-two (32) gallons and securely tied may be used as containers for yard rubbish, provided that bags used for this purpose are marked as yard rubbish and set out for collection on the day(s) designated for yard rubbish collection.

- 708.11 Containers permitted for use at authorized collection points shall meet the following criteria:
- (a) Supercans owned and issued by, and registered to, the District pursuant to the specifications in Subsection 708.8;
  - (b) Mini-supercans owned and issued by, and registered to, the District pursuant to the specifications in Subsection 708.7; or
  - (c) Heavy duty plastic or metal containers, pursuant to the specifications in Subsections 708.4 to 708.7.

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